

ARRANGING ARMISTICE

Negotiations at Front Looking to Ending Hostilities.

OYAMA EXTENDING

Apparently Has Linevitch in Bad Way Should Battle Occur.

Headquarters Russian Army, Godzardani, Manchuria, June 17.—It is learned from an authoritative source that negotiations toward an armistice are under way.

Linevitch Surrounded. Tokio, June 17.—Gen. Linevitch, with his entire army, is completely enveloped. The Japanese army has made a circle of a hundred miles in circumference around him and gradually is drawing closer, moving with even a greater degree of mobility than it did at Mukden.

The Russian commander, it is believed certain, will lose in what probably will be the greatest battle of the war.

Accumulate Stores. The Russians have accumulated immense stores at Guntzuling (Gushu pass, 100 miles north of Tieling), which forms a center, whence troops are dispatched in all directions.

Many light railways are being constructed northward to facilitate the Russian retreat. It seems that Gen. Linevitch, who is bewildered by the Japanese strategy, has a theory that Gen. Kuropatkin always was defeated because he never provided a satisfactory place at which to stop his retreat. Consequently, he is building permanent works along the Sungari river.

Extend Lines Eastward. Gushu Pass, June 17.—Although all is generally quiet at the front and the Japanese are even retreating somewhat southward it is reported they are steadily extending their lines eastward. There is no indication of the commencement of a general engagement.

England Protested. St. Petersburg, June 17.—Strong representations are being made here this afternoon in behalf of Great Britain as a result of the sinking of British steamers by auxiliary cruisers.

The British steamer St. Kilda was struck by the Russian auxiliary cruiser Dnieper June 5 in China sea, and it was reported after the battle of the Sea of Japan the Russians sank a British steamer in the Straits of Formosa.

Japs Out of Provisions? St. Petersburg, June 17.—Linevitch telegraphs the emperor that the Japanese prisoners report provisions and cartridges lacking among the Japanese troops, and that rice rations have been reduced by order of the commanders.

SENT FROM SWEDEN FOR NORWAY ALSO

Dual Representative Sails for Washington, Dissolution Not Being Recognized.

Stockholm, June 17.—Lustavus Strahle starts this evening for Washington in the Swedish-Norwegian charge d'affaires of legations abroad, continuing representing the countries, as Sweden does not recognize the dissolution of the union.

COAL VALLEY TO CELEBRATE

Attorney R. R. Reynolds Engaged As Speaker of the Day.

Attorney R. R. Reynolds has been engaged as speaker of the day at the Fourth of July celebration to be held at Coal Valley. The arrangements are under the auspices of the Coal Valley brass band which was recently organized. This being the only picnic to be held in the vicinity, it ought to be a hummer.

MILLER HAS RESIGNED

As Assistant Secretary of the Interior and Successor Is Appointed. Washington, June 17.—Assistant Secretary Miller of the department of the interior, has presented his resignation to the president and it has been accepted. Jesse Wilson of Indiana has been appointed to fill the vacancy.

DOUBLE DROWNING AT OTTUMWA, IOWA

Albia, Iowa, June 17.—Don and Leigh Hollingsworth, of this city, were drowned at Ottumwa. The older boy was drowned while trying to save the younger.

WAS IT MURDER?

Question That is Agitating Freeport Concerning Death of Media Pyle.

BODY FOUND WITH SISTER'S

Latter Believed to Have Thrown Her Into Water and Then Suicided.

Freeport, Ill., June 17.—Did Mrs. Julia Young murder Media Pyle and then commit suicide? The police believe she did.

Late developments in the mystery in the death of the two women whose bodies were found in the river here Thursday morning point to a case of murder and suicide, rather than to a double suicide under a death compact.

It is now believed that the girl, Media Pyle, went to her death unwillingly; that she was made senseless by a blow on the head and then carried or thrown into the water. The police believe Mrs. Young struck the blow that made the girl unconscious and then carried her into the water to make sure of them dying together.

Verdict of Coroner's Jury. The verdict of the coroner's jury lent color to the foregoing theory in part. The verdict in the case of Media Pyle was:

"The undersigned jurors, sworn to inquire of the death of Media Pyle, on oath do find that she came to her death from injuries sufficient to render her unconscious, her body being thrown in the Pecatonica river by some party or parties to the jury unknown."

The jury in the case of Mrs. Young simply returned a verdict of suicide by drowning.

Physicians Differ.

The verdict in the case of Media Pyle was based on the testimony of three physicians, who stated as their belief that the girl was unconscious but not dead, when she entered the water from the fact that her lungs were filled with air, and that there was a contusion on the temple which seemed to have been caused before her death. Two other physicians, however, testified to a contrary opinion. The jury gave weight to the preponderance of evidence and inclined to the murder theory.

ILLINOIS TOWN IS NEARLY WIPED OUT

Forty Buildings in Business Part of Johnson City Are Burned.

Mt. Vernon, Ill., June 17.—A great part of the business section of Johnson City was destroyed by fire. The loss is estimated to be \$200,000.

The fire started last night. Owing to the scarcity of water it was not under control until today. Forty buildings, including the entire business section, was burned.

WATERTOWN HAS ELECTION

Question of License or No License Is the Only Issue.

The first election of the village of Watertown is in progress today for the choice of a board of trustees. Two tickets were nominated a couple of weeks ago, one a citizens' ticket, which is understood to be for saloons, and the other is called the anti-license ticket. The names on the two proposed boards are as follows:

Citizens—J. O. Geisler, J. W. Dawson, John Raub, Erick Bohman, S. P. Cosner, F. A. Cartwright.

Anti-License—Harry Nicholson, D. Y. Allsbro, Henry Hilberg, H. C. McNeal, John Raub, F. Sovey.

A COLLISION NEAR ELGIN

Local Passenger Hits Freight and Engineer Is Killed.

Chicago, June 17.—A local passenger train eastbound from Freeport, Ill., collided with a freight train today at Gilbert Station, six miles from Elgin. The engineer of the passenger train was killed. No other persons were injured.

SUSAN GILLETTE IS DEAD

Original Daughter of Revolution Passes Away at Kenosha.

Kenosha, Wis., June 17.—Susan Atwater Gillette, widow of Judge Gurdin Gillette and an original daughter of the Revolution, is dead at her home in this city at the age of 95 years. Mrs. Gillette was a daughter of John Atwater, an aide of Gen. Washington, who did service as a bearer of dispatches between Washington and Lafayette.

J. W. Parmelee Dead.

Chicago dispatches announce the death of J. W. Parmelee at the Auditorium Annex in that city after an illness with pneumonia. Mr. Parmelee was known in Rock Island, his last visit here having been made when he passed down the river two years ago in a magnificent houseboat on his way to Florida to spend the winter. He was 61 years of age.

LABOR MEN WARON SHEA

Trying to Secure Pledges to Settle Teamsters' Strike.

ARRANGE A CAUCUS

Hope to Go Before Joint Council With Assurance of Success.

Chicago, June 17.—A demand for the settlement of the teamsters' strike is expected to be framed before night at a meeting of the anti-Shea delegates in the Teamsters' joint council.

Leaders Break Away.

Several leaders of drivers are alleged to have broken away from the strike leader, President Shea, and arranged a caucus at which they plan to canvass the situation and secure pledges enough for calling off the strike, and to go before the Teamsters' joint council Monday with the assurance of success.

Strong Case Made Out.

Chicago, June 17.—State's Attorney Healy this afternoon announced as a result of the grand jury investigation of alleged corrupt practices in labor matters the state expects to make a strong case of conspiracy against some of the men intimately connected with the teamsters' strike.

Fatal Shooting.

Frank Davis, aged 17, was shot and probably fatally injured today by a driver of the American Express company's wagon. The driver was attacked by a crowd just before the shooting. After the shooting the mob fled and the driver surrendered.

THOUGHT IT NEXT WORLD

Negro Rejoices When Rope Slips at Hanging in South.

Decatur, Ala., June 17.—Harvey Smith, John Collier and Will Jackson, colored, were hanged in the jail yard here yesterday afternoon. They were hanged together, but when the drop fell the knot slipped off of Smith's neck and he dropped to the ground, crying out "Thank God I am free; yes, I am free." He was picked up in a semi-conscious condition and hanged a second time, the rope drawing so tight that it cut deep into his flesh.

MRS. CHARLES STOUT WINS

Captures Metropolitan Golf Championship from Miss Travers.

Short Hills, N. J., June 17.—Mrs. Charles T. Stout, formerly Genevieve Hecker, and who was the metropolitan and national golf champion for two years, won the metropolitan golf championship at the Baltusrol links today, defeating Miss Gertrude Travers of Glen Cove, L. I., by 3 up and 1 to play.

Fairbanks at Mansfield.

Bloomington, Ill., June 17.—A reception was given Vice President and Mrs. Fairbanks last night at the home of his brother, W. D. Fairbanks, at Mansfield. Several hundred persons from central Illinois called.

LIVES IN DANGER

Excursionists at Detroit Spend Night on Boat Aground in the River.

RETURN IN THE MORNING

Make Best of the Situation—Another Boat Stays Out All Night in Fog.

Detroit, June 17.—Eleven hundred people who started out last evening on the steamer Columbia for a moonlight ride on the river, and dance, were forced to spend the night on the steamer, which went aground. The excursionists made the best of the situation and spent the night dancing and singing. They were transferred to the steamer Promise after a number of ineffectual attempts had been made to pull the Columbia into the channel, and arrived here at 7:30.

Had Similar Experience.

Twelve hundred moonlight excursionists from Wyandotte, Ford, and other down river points, had a similar experience to that of the people on the Columbia, except their steamer, the Pleasure, spent the night tied to the dock instead of aground, because of the dense fog making navigation dangerous.

SHIP COMES TO PORT WITH FIRE RAGING IN HOLD

New York, June 17.—With hundreds of bales of cotton smoldering in her forward hold, the Savannah line steamship Kansas City came up the bay today escorted by half a dozen tug boats and other vessels which had been summoned to stand by and take off the passengers, should the fire become serious. The fire was finally extinguished, after the steamer reached the pier.

Later the fire broke out anew and late this afternoon was smoldering obstinately in the hold, tons of water being poured into it. It is feared the flames will reach a quantity of resin and turpentine in the bottom of the hold, and a serious explosion may occur.

Before reaching the dock 60 passengers became panic-stricken, but all landed safely.

CREPT UP ON FORT

Navy Scores in Last Day of Mimic War at Fort Monroe.

ATTACK JUST AT DAWN

Admiral Dickens Gets Close Enough to Do Damage Before He Is Discovered.

Fort Monroe, Va., June 17.—The last day of the war game opened with an attack on Fort Monroe at dawn by destroyers and gunboats of Admiral Dickens' fleet. Just between dark and daylight there was a brief period when conditions were most favorable for offensive naval operations.

Makes Stealthy Attack.

These conditions were taken advantage of by Dickens, and his boats crept close to the walls of the fort before they were discovered. The fusillade was brief, but lively.

DAVENPORT BOY IS DROWNED IN CREEK

Roy Gabriel, an Inmate of the Orphans' Home Dove Beyond His Depth.

Roy Gabriel, an inmate of the Davenport Soldiers' Orphans' home, was drowned in Duck Creek last evening. Two companions who had entered the water at the same time he did, narrowly escaped the same fate. According to the decision of the coroner's jury, the boy came to his death by drowning through his own neglect.

George Bethel, the assistant engineer at the institution, received permission to take a party of boys bathing after supper last evening. When he started with the party, four boys, Roy Gabriel, Dan Hornbeck, Charles McGovern, and Clyde McKnight, ran ahead and, on reaching the creek at the bridge first north of the grounds, partially stripped and plunged into the water.

As far as can be learned, young Gabriel dove off the bank and was never seen afterwards. Two of the other boys, Hornbeck and McGovern, were soon beyond their depths and began to cry for assistance. Mr. Bethel and his party reached the scene very quickly and, through the efforts of Mr. Bethel and the other boys, Hornbeck and McGovern were taken out of the water in time.

The body of young Gabriel was recovered.

ST. LOUIS KEEPS PRIZE

Wins Team Shoot at Central Tournament at Davenport.

St. Louis won the team shoot at Davenport yesterday, this match being one of the most important connected with the Central Sharpshooters' tournament which closes today at Schuetzen park. By winning this year the St. Louis team is entitled to keep the trophy, a banner. The scores in the team shoot were as follows: St. Louis, No. 1, 1, 126; Highland, Ill., 1, 126; Davenport, No. 1, 1, 196; New Glarus, Wis., 1, 168; Milwaukee, 1, 143; St. Louis, No. 2, 1, 129; Dubuque, 1, 190.

Tomorrow there will be a big picnic with crowning of the king of the shoot.

FIRES 30 EMPLOYEES BUT RESCINDS ACT

Philadelphia, June 17.—The only development of any importance in Mayor Weaver's crusade for good government was the dismissal of 39 employees in the bureau of health.

Later in the day the mayor rescinded the order dismissing the health bureau employees. He will make an investigation of the bureau before putting the order into effect.

NEW FLOOD IS STARTED

Worst Washouts in Years Result From Rains in North.

TRAINS ARE LAID OUT

All Rivers in Southern Wisconsin Have Again Begun to Rise.

La Crosse, Wis., June 17.—Washouts worse than any other the railroads have experienced this year have been caused by heavy rains yesterday and last night.

Deprived of Service.

Fifty miles of stations on the Milwaukee road from La Crosse to Wabasha, Minn., are deprived of railway service as a result of a washout at Minnesota City. All rivers are again rising.

EDITOR IS ADJUDGED GUILTY

Moses Harman, Publisher of Lucifer, Again Convicted.

Chicago, June 17.—Moses Harman was found guilty yesterday by a jury before United States Judge Kenesaw M. Landis of sending unmailable matter through the mails. Mr. Harman is the editor of a bi-weekly paper called Lucifer, devoted to the science of eugenics. Incidentally it opposes indissoluble marriage and advocates instruction of the young in the laws of heredity. He has served three terms in prison because he decided some of the articles published in his paper were improper for circulation through the United States mail.

EXPECT TO WIN HENLEY RACE

Crew of Philadelphia Boat Club Arrives in England.

Plymouth, Eng., June 17.—The crew of the Vesper Boat club of Philadelphia arrived here today on the steamer New York. They are in the best of health and spirits and confident of taking back the grand challenge cup for which they are to compete at the Henley regatta.

ELEVEN DIE IN CLOUDBURST

Storm Devastates Province in Hungary, Destroying Most of Crops.

Budapest, Hungary, June 17.—The eastern districts of the province of Szathmar has been devastated by a cloudburst. Houses were swept away, and 11 lives are already reported lost. The greater part of the crops are destroyed, and railroad communication is interrupted.

CAR HITS A MAIL WAGON

Driver Killed and Women Passengers Severely Injured.

New York, June 17.—In a collision at Thirty-sixth street early today between an electric car and a mail wagon, the driver of the latter was fatally injured. More than a dozen passengers, many of them women, were severely hurt.

CLERKS IN SESSION

First Meeting in Connection With the Woodmen Head Camp.

HAWES' ADDRESS A FEATURE

F. H. Norling Slated for President to Succeed H. B. Hoyt Who Is Not a Candidate.

Milwaukee, Wis., June 17.—The Local Camp Clerks' association of the Modern Woodmen met today, this being the first of the meetings of the Woodmen convention which is to be held in this city during the coming week. About 1,000 delegates from the 38 states and territories in the jurisdiction are present. The association will elect national officers and make recommendations to the supreme legislative body which will meet Thursday next.

Will Elect New Man.

F. H. Norling of Kansas City, will succeed H. B. Hoyt, of Seattle, Wash., President Hoyt declining to be a candidate. Secretary C. T. Copeland, of Lima, Ohio, and Treasurer C. H. T. Riepen of Omaha, will be re-elected without opposition. The feature of today's session of the clerks was the address of Major C. W. Hawes, head clerk of the Modern Woodmen society.

GROWING SERIOUS

Situation Over Morocco Threatens to Involve all Europe.

GERMANY THE AGGRESSOR

Policy Directed Against Both France and England—Other Nations Draw In.

Berlin, June 17.—The foreign office telegraphed to Prince Von Radolom, German ambassador at Paris, during the last day or two in a sense that will be reassuring to the French apprehensions if such were felt in France. Germany still presses France diplomatically for her acceptance of the proposal to hold a conference of the powers on the subject of Morocco.

Approach Trouble.

Paris, June 17.—Strained relations between France and Germany over Morocco continue to give rise to serious apprehension, but, while openly admitting that there are real difficulties involved, officials protest against this being made the basis of exaggerated reports. One report that Germany had submitted an ultimatum brought out a formal denial from the foreign office. A report in the Patrie is that Germany has demanded that France and Great Britain complete a guarantee that the Anglo-French entente is not in the nature of an armed alliance against Germany.

Papers Urge Calmness.

The Presse asserts that M. Delcasse, when foreign minister, signed a secret offensive and defensive alliance with Great Britain. These reports are dismissed in authoritative quarters as fanciful enlargements of the situation, and an editorial in the semi-official Temps tonight gives warning against what it terms "nervous paroxysms."

Can Not Get Together.

At the same time the diplomatic strain between France and Germany is undeniably serious. The chief cause of this is the inability thus far of each party to propose a remedy acceptable to the other. France is tenacious to uphold her predominant position in Morocco without subjecting it to inspection and revision by an international congress proposed by Germany.

Germany Against England.

On the other hand Germany does not recognize French predominance in Morocco or the Anglo-French agreement on which this predominance is based. Thus Germany's issue is equally against Great Britain and France, although the latter is more immediately involved.

All Europe Concerned.

All parties are making an appeal to the friendly cooperation of other nations so that indirectly all Europe is participating in the controversy and this permits a wide range of speculation concerning a rearrangement of political alliances. However, officials maintain that the issue does not involve such far reaching questions but is the renewal of the long standing struggle over Morocco in an aggravated form.

One of the chief causes of the present apprehension is the possibility of some untoward incident along the Franco-German frontier, which for years has been garrisoned by formidable military forces.

Washington Not Worried.

Washington, June 17.—Germany and France will not come to a clash over Morocco if reassuring official cablegrams reaching Washington over night from European capitals accurately represent the situation. It can be announced negotiations at Paris are progressing slowly, but "with good will on both sides," and that "things between France and Germany are moving harmoniously and it will soon be possible to straighten out existing tangles."

The Washington government is fully informed about every move, and the feeling here in highest official circles is not one of uneasiness.

NEW ORLEANS EDITOR HELD

Dominick C. O'Malley Accused of Conspiracy to Kill.

New Orleans, La., June 17.—Dominick C. O'Malley, owner and manager of the New Orleans Item, was arrested yesterday, charged with conspiring against the life of Inspector of Police E. S. Whitaker. O'Malley was involved through the confession of an employee, H. G. Slocum, who had been arrested on a charge of blackmail.

Hoch is Writing His Life.

Chicago, June 17.—"The Life Travel and Experiences of Johann Hoch," is the title of an autobiography which the bigamist who is to be hanged next Friday for wife murder is writing in his cell. He hopes to use the proceeds in appealing his case to the state supreme court. Three chapters were completed yesterday. Hoch declares it will be "lively" and full of incident and romance.

Boston Remembers Bunker Hill.

Boston, June 17.—Practically all business activities were suspended today in observance of the anniversary of the battle of Bunker Hill.

MAY YET BE THE HAGUE

Meeting Place of Peace Delegates Being Reconsidered.

RUSSIA DISSATISFIED

Czar's People Back War Party in Case Japan's Terms Are Not Moderate.

St. Petersburg, June 17.—The question of the place of meeting of the Russian and Japanese representatives has been reopened and there is a possibility that The Hague, instead of Washington may be selected.

After the announcement that Washington had been selected Russia expressed a desire to have the selection reconsidered and exchanges to that end are now proceeding between foreign Minister Lamsdorff, Ambassador Meyer and Washington.

Several Advantages.

Russia's preference for The Hague is based on the obvious advantages that it is the entirely neutralized capital of a small state and the site of the arbitration court, also by the consideration of time.

People Back War Party.

St. Petersburg, June 17.—The note to the foreign office announcing that negotiations for a meeting of Russian and Japanese plenipotentiaries were proceeding rapidly was printed without comment in the morning papers, but the press of all shades of opinion is discussing Japan's probable terms and declares with practical unanimity for a continuation of the war rather than the acceptance of humiliating conditions. In this the newspaper are upheld by public opinion, which is steering around to support a war policy if Japan's terms prove too hard.

Glad Duke Is Out.

All papers comment on the retirement of Grand Duke Alexis from the office of high admiral, and a general feeling of relief is manifested at the fact that the present naval regime is ended.

BAD START IN RACE FOR WILLIAMS' CUP

Thirteen Yachts Leave Dover in Rain—American Boats After Special Prize.

Dover, England, June 17.—Thirteen yachts started from here today in the annual race from Dover to Heligoland for Emperor William's cup in a heavy rainstorm and with a light wind blowing.

The American yachts Atlantic and Apache and the British yacht Valhalla started over the same course for a special cup offered by Emperor William for auxiliary yachts which participated in the recent trans-Atlantic race.

HEAT CLAIMS FIRST VICTIM OF SUMMER

William Kloe, Davenport Laborer, Succumbs to An Attack of Prostration.

The first fatality in the three cities from the extreme heat occurred in Davenport this morning. William Kloe, an employee of the McCarthy Improvement company, dying from prostration yesterday afternoon. He was at work at Fourth and Green streets, when he was overcome by the intense heat, and though every effort was made to revive him, he died during the night. He was about 39 years of age.

OLD MAN KILLED BY A TRAIN

William Suiter, Davenport Jeweler, Fatally Injured at Buffalo.

William Suiter, an aged jeweler, who recently opened a small business in Davenport, was struck by a Rock Island train at Buffalo Thursday evening and fatally hurt. He was hurled some distance and sustained a fracture of the skull and a broken shoulder and leg. He was taken to St. Luke's hospital, Davenport, where he died yesterday afternoon.

JUDGE DECIDES FOR AMERICANS

Toronto, Ont., June 17.—In chambers today Judge Anglin gave out a decision that two American employees of the Pere Marquette railway, arrested at St. Thomas for alleged violation of the alien labor act, cannot be deported.